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Major Jackson Farewell

I cannot believe that two years have passed so quickly. The old expression about "time flies when you are having fun" is sadly very true. To say that I have had fun here is an understatement. I have had a blast and will very much miss the District when I depart. I do want to say Thanks to all those who have supported me and made this assignment the greatest of my career. It has been a pleasure to work

with each and every one of you. I still can not believe that I was so fortunate to be back home in Michigan working in an organization that does so many important functions managing the nation's water resources. When I was a young boy and my parents took me and my brothers to see the Soo Locks I never in my wildest dreams thought I would someday get the chance to be a part of what the Corps of Engineers does

here in Michigan. As I move on to my next assignment at Widener University ROTC detachment (near Philadelphia) I will take many very fond memories of the Detroit District with me. My only request is to take care of Maj. McDonald and support him like you did me. Thanks!!!


Essayons!

Maj. Scott D. Jackson 

St. Louis River Quest 2001

by Thom Holden

The Duluth Area Office and Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center participated in the 9th Annual St. Louis River Quest. This is a multi-agency environmental program for 6th grade students from around the region encompassing the river's watershed and that of the Duluth-Superior Harbor. More than 800 students from nine schools participated.

The Corps' learning station dealt with how the level of the Great Lakes is determined. Even though students are spread out over three days with morning and afternoon sessions, participants have only about 10 minutes to explain their topic before the next group rotates through. An old portable gauge station recorder, a model showing a stilling basin, and a brief slide program helped students learn about taking multiple simultaneous readings and averaging them to determine the level of lakes which rarely, if ever, are truly level. The basic water cycle and the impacts of weather, seasons, climate and limited man-made controls were all explored in discussing lake levels and their impacts on the environment and shipping. 



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Commander's Column

by Lt. Col. Richard J. Polo, Jr.,
District Engineer

As many of you know, our previous Division Commander, General Griffin, headed to Washington for his new assignment. I'm sure I echo many others when I say that he was a particularly effective commander. And dare I say, the best division commander.

I should note that he was only Engineer Brigadier General promoted to Major General last year. In his new job as the Deputy Commanding General for Civil Works, LRD will certainly benefit from having someone in that key position who understands thoroughly our regional issues. Interestingly, General Griffin replaced Major General VanWinkle who became the Deputy Chief of Engineers. It was not too long ago that MG VanWinkle was our

Division Commander. Both generals have publicly stated that the efforts and hard work of LRD personnel played a large measure in their selection for promotion and advancement to more senior jobs. Pat yourselves on the back!

Our Division could not have received a better replacement for General Griffin than BG Hawkins. Having just come from an assignment at HQUSACE as the Director of Military Programs, General Hawkins already understands how the Corps works at the highest levels, plus he knows all the key players.


I had the privilege of serving with him in a previous assignment. At that time, then Colonel Hawkins was the engineer brigade commander for Task Force Eagle

when U.S. troops deployed into Bosnia for the first time in the winter of 1995. General Hawkins' ability to construct the longest floating bridge in the history of the U.S. Army and then lead the base camp construction effort from scratch is almost legendary in the tactical community. In the specific case of the bridge-building effort, officers in his command learned many lessons as we watched him lead soldiers in difficult and trying conditions. In the dead of winter, after a minor flood, with a non-existent transportation network, and with CNN camera crews following his every step 24 hours a day, him and his troops still accomplished the mission. The mission from the National Command Authority was simple; the



first American combat vehicle, the lead M1A2 Abrams tank of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Cavalry Regiment, will cross into Bosnia from a northern route on a U.S. constructed bridge over the Sava River by 1 January 1996... no "ifs", "ands", or "buts". The Task Force Commander on the ground added, "Colonel, the Nation's honor is at stake and your engineers cannot afford to fail."

BG Hawkins beat the deadline and on 30 December 1995, the Commanding General was quoted on CNN as saying, "I stand in awe of the engineers." Some weeks later on his first visit to Bosnia, President Clinton presented BG Hawkins with a signed satellite photo of the completed bridge and simply said, "Colonel, thanks for building my bridge on time."

This story is a short way of saying that LRD remains in the hands of capable leadership. BG Hawkins' leadership and his ability to learn, to improvise, to ferret out the "ground truth", to tackle hard problems with new and innovative solutions will help our division and district as we continue to serve the Nation and the Army. 

Who Needs PFDs? Everyone Who Goes Boating!


Anytime anyone goes boating, there's a chance to fall overboard. A PFD (Personal Floatation Device) is designed to keep your head above water and to help you remain in a position which permits proper breathing. An average adult only needs artificial buoyancy of 7 to 12 pounds to remain afloat, and virtually all approved PFDs provide this amount of floatation. Don't take chances – know the facts about your lifejacket.

When buying a PFD, always check the labels to make sure it is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. It must be well-designed, fit well, and it must be in good condition to meet Coast Guard requirements. Also, you must have the proper number of PFDs aboard.

Buy a Lifejacket You Will Wear – and Wear it!

Pick a lifejacket that fits, and fits the type of boating you will be doing. There are many that are comfortable and attractive, which means you are much more likely to be wearing it if an emergency arises. Never alter your PFD. Give it a trial test in shallow water. Does it hold you up so that you can breathe easily? Help children pick a PFD with a good fit and make sure they wear it during any boating activity.


PFDs are Survival Equipment – Treat Them With Respect!

For your PFD to work, it has to be kept in good condition. So be sure to always air-dry it thoroughly before stowing it in an accessible place on board. Check it twice a year for mildew, leaks, insecure straps, or hardened stuffing. Don't crush the PFD with heavy weight and avoid contact with oil or grease – these cause some PFD materials to deteriorate and lose buoyancy. 



Soo Area Office Works with City of Sault Ste. Marie in Streetscape Project

By Carmen Paris
Soo Area Office

The Soo Area Office was recently involved in a project with the City of Sault Ste. Marie. Known as the **West Portage Avenue Streetscape Project**, the job involved the removal and replacement of the street surface, sidewalks and lighting fixtures. The work on the lighting fixtures on the North side of Portage Ave. was carried out by Soo Area Office personnel from the SYM and Electrical Sections. Work will be completed on June 23, with final asphalt placement to be completed after Labor Day. 


*Photos by Carmen Paris,
Soo Area Office*



Soo Area Office personnel Bill Felts (kneeling), Luke Smart and Clayton Gobel work on a light fixture prior to placement.

In Memorium:

Corps family member leaves behind wife, daughter, good friends and co-workers.


Ed Pokropek, a Civil Engineer in Civil Design Section since 1994, died June 10 after a struggle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Maria, and a 15 year old daughter Catherine. He appreciated the traditional COE survey marker and castle "plaque" we took to him following his retirement announcement. Contributions from the district went towards flowers to his family and for his memorial. Ed's family expressed great appreciation for the concern you have expressed by your leave donations and your participation in sharing the cake we had for Ed's retirement. 



A general view looking West at the Portage Ave. Streetscape project.

Duluth Office Assists in Upper Midwest Flood Fight

by Edward Parzych
Duluth Area Office

Corps helps save a town from flooding by providing technical flood fighting advice, brochures, and supplies. At the Duluth Area Office, we provided about 5000 sandbags, and 20 rolls of poly to the city of Floodwood, and 1500 sandbags and 5 rolls of poly to the city of Duluth for use in the Fon-du Lac area, on the St. Louis River. We also made contact with several other municipalities in the area, letting them know that we had supplies available if needed. In addition, we also monitored most streams and rivers in our area, keeping an eye on conditions, and preparing to offer any assistance, if needed. We worked with officials from the city of Duluth, the city of Scanlon, the city of Floodwood, and the St. Louis County EOC in MN, and the Bad River Reservation in WI. In our area the actual flooding was not as severe as initially expected, with minimal property damage actually occurring. Mr. Curt Anderson, Construction Representative, and myself, Ed Parzych, Construction Inspector, were the primary contacts in the Duluth Area Office. We appreciate the opportunity to assist our local communities and their citizens in their efforts to keep rising waters at bay. It is rewarding to know that supplies we provided, or technical assistance we offered helped in the flood fighting efforts. 



Ed Parzych (CEI/Duluth Area Office QA/QC Construction Inspector and Experienced Flood Fighter) and Ms. Cori Suonvieri (Floodwood, MN EOC Coordinator) inspecting sandbagged/floodproofed (telephone company) building, located adjacent to Floodwood River.



Ed Parzych loading supplies.


Engineers Day/Corps cookout getting better and better

The many hours of hard work from Corps team members showed through the success of "Engineers Day" and the annual Corps cookout.

At Metro Beach Metro-Park, more than 400 people took advantage of the park's full range of park amenities, ate their fill from the caterers menu, and enjoyed good-fellowship with Corps family members. On this cool, but mostly clear day, everyone found their favorite activity in the park, or with scheduled Corps activities, games, and events.

Corps employees, their families, and former employees all joined in to celebrate and award the "Employees of the Year," "Length of Service Award" recipients, and other special recognition awardees.

Prior to presenting awards, Lt. Col. Richard J. Polo, district engineer, praised everyone involved in putting together the festive event, and each award recipient for their hard work and dedication.

"We really only get together like this twice a year, for the cook-out and winter holiday party, so it's wonderful to see such a great turn out," said Polo. 



Rich Sallans, from the Detroit Area Office, enjoys the tasty lunch provided through the Metro Beach caterer.



Say Cheese! Kids getting ready for another challenging activity.



That's right Karen, you show them how we used to do it way back when.



Lt. Col. Polo wears his new Army beret, to break it in right, while getting a quick soaking in the dunk tank.



The adults hope to not get egg on their faces as they prepare for the egg toss contest with the kids.



Dunkees fight back! Major Jackson aims at anyone brave enough to duck him.



Ah, what would the cook-out be without a good pick-up game.

Engineers Day 2001 Employee of the Year Awards



Engineer Scientist of the Year – Ron Erickson, HQ Building, Detroit

Ron's continually builds synergistic relationships that helped him produce deliverables to the frequently conveyed satisfaction of our customers.

Ron is truly the embodiment of the USACE Vision and the Detroit District Esprit de Corps.



Technical Employee of the Year – Joseph Kimmel, HQ Building, Detroit

Joe is the "go to" guy for quick and honest answers. He strongly believes in effective communication to build strong synergistic relationships to meet our mission and serve our clients.



Leader of the Year – David Foster, Grand Haven Area Office

Dave is best described by the Army "LDRSHIP" values Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal courage. His supervisory skills are in line with the greatest civilians and traditions of the Corps of Engineers, and are a credit to himself and the organization.



Operator/Boater/Maintainer of the Year – James Collins, Soo Area Office

James works hard and motivates fellow team members with his "can do" attitude. Jim brings positive energy to work relationships and gets excellent results because of his way of thinking.

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**Team of the Year –
Ft. Wayne Indiana Flood
Control, Detroit HQ Office,
Grand Haven Area Office,
South Bend Field Office**

As a result of the project exceeding the customer's expectation a close and successful relationship has developed with the City of Fort Wayne. This significant relationship has opened doors for future project opportunities, some have been initiated or are in the planning stages.



Gary O'Keefe accepted the award for the Team of the Year.

Team of the Year Award

Team Members (Organization):
Dave Foster (Grand Haven AO),
John Niemiec (Contract Admin),
Kevin McNally (Grand Haven AO),
Scott Babcock (Grand Haven AO),
Brian Bowhuis (Grand Haven AO),
Larry Gorr (Grand Haven AO),
Steve Birchmeier (Grand Haven AO),
Don Godbey (Contract Admin),
Joe Kimmel (Design Br),
Joe Kubinski (Design Br),
John Grundstrom (Design Br),
Bruce Holbrook (H&H),
Eric Burr (Design Br),
Don Holly (Design Br),
Kevin Drake (Design Br),

Eric Tauriainen (H&H),
Don Erwin (Real Estate),
Valerie Stevenson (Real Estate),
Vernard Moore (Contracting),
Sammie Hart (Contracting),
Gary Bailey (Design Branch),
Paul Allerding (Environmental Branch),
Gary O'Keefe (Project Management),
Scott Parker, (PPM),
Joe Wanielista (Planning),
Kim Schieferstein (City of Fort Wayne),
Cathy Robb (City of Fort Wayne),
Rick Rampone (A/E),
Greg Garnes (A/E).

**Administrative Employee of
the Year – Janet Rathka,
Soo Area Office**


Janet's outstanding character proves her to be a loyal and esteemed member of the Corps family, setting her value above any marker that can be set. She sets the standard.



**Student Employee of the Year –
Marlena Moore,
District HQ office, Detroit**

Marlena distinguishes herself by showing she's capable, responsible, and courteous. She exudes a mature, respectful, and professional manner. Her calm yet competent disposition facilitates positive results.

**Distinguished Civilian –
James Hudak, formerly from
Duluth Area Office**


James S. Hudak, Duluth Area Office from 1960 to 1996, demonstrated professionalism and sound judgement which brought great credit to the Detroit District. Mr. Hudak's expertise, outstanding knowledge, willingness and cooperation went above and beyond what was expected. 



Kevin Gange is dusting the cargo on the old lumber hooker RHODA EMILY.

Visitor Center's Fleet Undergoes Winter Repairs

by Thom Holden

With 14 of the active Great Lakes bulk freighters wintering in the Twin Ports, another in long-term storage, plus several museum vessels, there is always work to be done. It is the same with the Visitor Center's extensive fleet of scale models. They undergo annual clearing during a six-week period in the heart of winter when visitation is lowest. More than 40 models on display from the permanent collection are carefully removed, cleaned, repaired, and replaced each year. "They all need cleaning, that's for sure, but there is always the chance of causing damage whenever you handle the models. They have lots of rigging and lines and masts and steering poles – things that can get bumped or hung up on the display supports," said Kevin Gange, shown above dusting the cargo on the old lumber hooker RHODA EMILY. It's doubtful the Lake sailors of the 1890s cared quite so carefully for the cargoes they carried. Meanwhile, Beth Duncan of the visitor center staff has been busy cleaning and polishing in the three replica ship cabins and the pilothouse and several of the steam pumps and small engines on display – all in anticipation of a mid-March season opener just like the big boats. 

Duluth Area Office at Local Boat Show

by Randy Lundgren and Thom Holden

The Duluth Area Office participated for the first time in Duluth's regional boat, travel, and sports show at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. This year's show had about 250 booths and more than 84,000 visitors during its 5-day run. Co-chairmen Curt Goltz (pictured talking with a visitor), Kevin Gange, and Randy Lundgren designed and manned the booth with Ed Parzych, Curt Anderson, John Larson, George Fasteland, and Thom Holden. Jack Mulek was able to offer some valuable computer assistance before being called out of town. In the end nearly everyone who could

participate got involved in one way or another. This was a great group effort on a shoestring budget.

The booth focused on local harbors, water levels, surveying methods, and answered hundreds of other questions. The Duluth office also invited Timothy Peterson to participate. He is a regulatory project manager in the St. Paul District stationed in nearby Two Harbors. Tim was a great help answering questions on various permits and procedures.


The Duluth Visitor Center's citizens cooperating group, the Lake Superior Marine Museum Association (LSMMA), was well represented in the booth



Co-chairmen Curt Goltz talking with a visitor.

Photo by Thom Holden

and provided five free annual memberships valued at \$30 each through daily drawings. The Association also prepared and printed two temporary fact sheets providing information on Great Lakes water

levels and various Corps and recreation-related internet addresses. The Association's e-mail address and web address were provided on both documents for additional questions. 

Duluth Area Office Conducts Crane Safety Training

by Curt Goltz, Duluth Area Office

Duluth Area Office conducted crane safety training in conjunction with its safety stand down week in March. The Duluth Area Office contracted with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 to provide simulation training for its crane operators. The training consisted of a simulator that is identical to a Model 2250 Manitowoc 250-ton crane. The levers, switches, and gauges are all as they are in a Manitowoc crane. The only difference is that the load moment indicator (LMI) and the crane computer are not completely functional.

The simulator itself provides tasks within different scenarios to pick a load, boom up or down, and swing 360 degrees to set the load. The simulator provides some environmental conditions (wind, fog, etc.) that enhance the training experience.


Mr. Roger B. Carlson, Director of the I.U.O.E. Local 49, provided the instruction for both the one-half hour introduction to the simulation and the simulator training, orientation to the controls, operator skills to be practiced and the tasks to be accomplished as contained in the scenarios.



Photo shows the instructor, Mr. Roger B. Carlson, at the system computer, Mr. Alfred Holman at the controls, on lookers standing from right to left Randy Lundgren, William Prill, Steve Trevarrow.

Photo by Curt Goltz

All operators were provided training and, as time permitted, additional employ-


ees were given the opportunity to try their hand at operating. 



Corps Speaks...

Career Day went well. I had four classes, 3rd grade, 6th grade, 1st grade and 4th grade. I was expecting K-3, so I was a little unprepared for the 6th graders, but I managed and it turned out fine. It went very well with the 3rd and 6th graders, but then I got the 1st graders. It was very warm in the room late in the afternoon, and I made the mistake of giving them stickers to start off. After a while, it was apparent that I didn't have their attention so I thought I would grab it back by passing out the safe swimming posters. Big mistake. They were all concerned with who got what and it was hard to reel them back in. I'll know next time to save the goodies for the end.

Anyway, it was a lot of fun and the teachers and kids were wonderful. Lots of great questions and a lot of interest.

Marie Strum, water resources engineer from the H & H branch, participated in career day at Pasteur Elementary in Detroit. 

On 15 May, **Gary Segrest** and I presented information on the recent Supreme Court decision that affected our regulatory jurisdiction over isolated waters and wetlands (Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County vs US Army Corps of Engineers) to 30-35 people attending the Great Lakes Commission's semi-annual meeting/symposium in Ann Arbor. Our talk was billed as a "special presentation" and was a prelude to the Commission's course-of-business Resource Management Program meeting. The meeting was attended by Great Lakes Commission Resource Management staff, several Commissioners, and a few Commission Observers.

Dave Bowman gave a presentation entitled "Development of Bioremediation Techniques for Dredged Material from Milwaukee and Green Bay" at the Sediment Treatment Technologies Workshop in Ann Arbor, Michigan April 24-25, 2001.

On March 15, 2001, **Trudi Britz**, Chief, Construction Branch, Soo Area participated in the local Sault Middle

School Career Night held at Lake Superior State University.

On April 20, 2001, **Amy TenEyck**, Civilian Pay Clerk at the Soo Area Office spoke at the Sault Area Challenges and Choices Conference. Amy herself began her career at the Corps of Engineers as a student hire and gained a full time position in 2000. She is a local Sault Area High School graduate and a graduate from Lake Superior State University in May 1999.

Tom Johnson, Civil Engineer at the Kewaunee Area Office, developed and presented a PowerPoint presentation on Civil Engineering in conjunction with "Career Day" at his daughter's high school. It was presented at Preble High School, Green Bay, WI. on March 7th and was well received.

Colette Luff, representing the Contaminated Sediment Action Team, one of five action teams making up the Detroit River Remedial Action Plan Committee, hosted a Detroit River contaminated sediment display at the Community Environmental Forum, held on


Belle Isle, Detroit, Michigan, on 5 May 2001.


Regulatory staff was involved in a presentations recently: Great Lakes Commission semi-annual meeting, Ann Arbor, MI, 15 May 2001 **Don Reinke**, Regulatory, and **Gary Segrest** (Counsel) were invited speakers who discussed the implica-

tions of a recent Supreme Court decision on the Regulatory program.

On May 24th, **Pat Klever**, Chief of Operations in Grand Haven, gave a lake levels presentation at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Lion's Club of St. Joseph, MI.

River Rouge Water Festival

Several Detroit District team members participated in the 2001 Rouge River Water Festival in May on the University of Michigan, Dearborn campus. District teams presented various Corps related topics at this educational event. The water based subject displays included: water sheds, environmental issues, wetland ecosystems, water levels, a live creek demonstration, and diving to students from more than 63 fifth grade classes. These presentations reinforced the science curriculum taught at elementary schools throughout the River Rouge watershed. Participants included, but were not limited to: **Maj. Scott Jackson**, **Joyce Hess**, **Adam Fox**, **Ron Erickson**, **Bill Sieb**, **Michelle Thrift**, **Stan "Buster" Cowton**, **Laura Garrett**, **Dave Luff**, and **Arnie Rybak**. 

Les Weigum and **Paul Baxter**, of our Environmental Analysis branch, gave a talk and demonstration on Dredging and Sediment Sampling in the Great Lakes. Les says the kids were 'marvelous'. "This is the best teaching age. The boys and girls haven't yet discovered each other, and they aren't embarrassed to ask questions." 



Stanley "Buster" Cowton, from the Regulatory Office, checks the water's biology in the aquarium demonstrating the diverse ecosystem in wetlands.





Major Jackson, presents water shed information and activities, while responding to the kids' questions about surviving boot camp in the military.


Kudos!


 The Detroit District has selected **Carletta Degroat** in the category of Special Emphasis Program Contribution, Theresa Gray in the category Workplace Improvement and Enhancement and Michael Geiger in the category of Promoting Interagency Teamwork and Coordination as the recipients of this year's Federal Executive Board Employee Recognition Award. They will be honored at a luncheon on May 9th. Congratulations to the three of them for a job well done. 

 Congratulations to **Twylla Lucas** from our Resource Management Division!

General Griffin selected her for one of the three slots available to LRD for the Emerging Leader's Program. Twylla will join a group of around 25 folks selected from across USACE to participate in the Corps' 2001-2002 Emerging Leaders' Program. 

 Hi everyone! I just wanted to let you know that my daughter, Morgan Elizabeth Mundell was born on Saturday, March 24th. She weighed in at 8 lbs and 12 oz. Everything went well. She's a happy, healthy, little girl. Her big brother Collin is pretty proud of her already.

– Angie 



 **Dr. Cary E. Johnson**, Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at the

University of Michigan, was honored in San Francisco, California on April 8, 2001 by the Computerworld Honors Program. Cary is the husband of Nancy Peterson in the Regulatory Office.

Established in 1988, the Computerworld Honors Program is dedicated to identifying the men and women, organizations and institutions that are impacting society in global information technology.

The awards ceremony was held at the historic and recently renovated San Francisco City Hall with a dinner at the Palace of Legion

of Honor. Cary was nominated by Apple Computer, Inc. for development of "The Metered-Dose Inhaler Instructional Website" at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. There were 340 honorees chosen from over 3000 worldwide nominees. 

 To the Best Supporting Actor in T.J. Hemphill's production of 'Perilous Times,' **Clarence Kendrick**. For this to have been his first time performing in a big production, Clarence gave an awesome performance in several roles which included: street kid; weeping parent; a soldier and Lazarus. This was my fourth time seeing this play but this year was the best," said Tarsus Moore. *Congratulations Clarence!* 




Dr. Cary E. Johnson


Kerr receives "Safety Professional of the Year" award



Bob Kerr on the left accepting the Safety Professional of the Year award and 3/4-length khaki jacket from Ron Barkley, safety officer and Lt. Col. Polo, district engineer.

 For the past year, **Robert F. Kerr** has served as Chairman of the Detroit Area Office Safety Committee. In this role, "Bob" has been a most effective leader, stimulating meaningful discussion and debate on important safety issues and topics of concern. His ever-present safety conscious attitude has cultivated sincere respect among his fellow employees. Mr. Kerr has worked consistently to assure that legitimate safety concerns or questions that come to

his attention are addressed in a proper and timely manner and eventually managed to satisfactory resolution.

Bob Kerr's dedication and commitment to safety is without a doubt a real credit to the Detroit Area Office and Detroit District Corps of Engineers overall. His tireless effort has served to inspire and influence others to always keep safety first and most certainly deserving of special recognition. 


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Kudos! (continued)

Patricia Jeske, from the Management Support Office, is surely proud of her daughter Crystal A. Jeske for another great academic year. Crystal, a



fourth grader at Holmes Elementary School, won the school's 2000-2001 Highest Achieving Student Award & trophy. She participated in the science fair and spelling bee, received an outstanding

scholarship award, and received a t-shirt and certificate for being the only one in her class to pass the MEAP. She says, "I beat the MEAP at O.W. Holmes Elementary School." 

Employees of the Month

MARCH

John Dillenback

CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO JOHN DILLENBECK

John took it upon himself to get the daily documentation to the EOC for the recent flooding situation within the GHAO. He also got the National Water Service involved and kept the USCG in the loop for their own flooding requirements.

John got the administrative staff involved which allowed them to see what goes on on the field in addition provided coverage when John was not available.

John was also instrumental in gathering data for an alleged 401 violation.

THANKS JOHN, JOB WELL DONE. 



APRIL

Debra Benson

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBRA BENSON

Debra's nomination was for her exceptional performance of all assigned duties, which are well-known throughout the District. A recent increase in Division personnel along with an increase in the pace of work has hardly phased Debra's ability to "TCB" (take care of business) in a thorough, detailed and professional manner. Her ability to handle a multitude of actions for myriad personnel in her Division is staggering. Her performance of duty is simply outstanding which brings great credit for herself and her organization. Debra is a tremendous asset to the Detroit District.

THANKS DEBRA FOR A JOB WELL DONE!
KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK! 

*Retirees' Corner***Jean Turner**

Retired District Employee

I retired from the Detroit District February 1, 1994. My position with the Corps was in the Comptroller's Office, beginning may 1970 until my retirement. Since my retirement I have been in volunteer service at Children's Hospital of Michigan and Detroit Institute of Arts.

I am now on Library staff at Greater New Mt. Moriah Bapt.(my home Church)I am in the mist of March Reading Month, volunteering Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning.

I am Chair of Circle #10, Department of Mission, Tuesday morning Bible Class, Sunday School Teachers Class, and The GEMS.

A life member of the NAACP, The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, The State Fair Center, Unique Seniors, and The Casino Travel Club.

I am CoChair with another Corps retiree, Shirley Talley, ABWA Lake Shore Charter Chapter's Business Associate Event, June 2, 2001 at the Detroit Yacht Club.

"LIFE IS WHAT HAPPENS WHILE WE ARE BUSY
DOING OTHER THINGS."GOD BLESS. 

– Jean Turner

Harry V. Arnberg

Retired District Employee

Harry V. Arnberg died on June 8, 2001. Harry is a former Detroit District employee. He worked for the Design Branch, Engineering Division prior to his disability in 1961. Harry's professional and family life has been tied closely with the Corps. His wife Joyce (Childs) Arnberg also worked for the Detroit District, Drafting Section during the 1960's. He is survived by his wife Joyce and sisters Jean (Arnberg) Blakley, and Susan (Arnberg) Argiroff.

He also leaves many nephews and nieces and other relatives on both sides of the family. A sister Faith (Arnberg) Czarnik and nephew who worked for the Sacramento District are both recently deceased. Harry was 71 years old, and came to the Detroit area with his parents during World War II when his father was assigned to a special program for the Corps. Harry worked on many civil and military projects. 